

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 6, 1850.

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AGENTS WANTED in every City, Town and Village to whom the Pacific News will be given. Orders for the PACIFIC NEWS will be daily attended to, if addressed to our post office, and enclosing the cash. The WEEKLY PACIFIC NEWS will be re-commissioned as soon as necessary arrangements can be completed. A STEAMER EDITION will be issued semi-monthly, on the sailing of each Mail Steamer.

Book and Job Printing.

CARDS, CHECKS, CIRCULARS, CATALOGUES, HAND-BOOKS, and every description of PRINTING, can now be executed at the PACIFIC NEWS OFFICE, Montgomery street, over Cronin & Markley's, in the best style of the Art, and with the utmost dispatch.

Having received new materials, presses, &c., we can accommodate our friends better than previous to the fire which destroyed our office in Kearny street. We hope to be able to suit all who may call upon us, and shall be glad to see old customers.

Removal of the Pacific News.

We would notify our friends and the public, that the Publication, Printing and Editorial Offices of the Pacific News have been removed to the building of Cronin & Markley, Montgomery street, next door to Dolan's, (third story,) where those having business with the Establishment will please heretofore to call.

In a few days our new PUBLICATION OFFICE, on the first floor, (in the same building,) will be prepared for us, which, for centrality and convenience, cannot be excelled by any situation in the city. We shall get matters into smooth, working order very shortly.

Is Pre-emption a Whig Measure?

In commenting upon the resolutions adopted at the recent Democratic County Convention at Sacramento, the *Courier* of yesterday charges upon the Democracy of California the absorption of certain Whig principles, and among them, that they "adopt Harrison's and Clay's doctrines of pre-emption to actual settlers."

This assumption of paternal care, by the Whig party, over the wants and necessities of western pioneers, in the advocacy of measures having for their object to secure homes to that hardy, adventurous, enterprising and patriotic class of our fellow-citizens—men who have penetrated into the depths of the wilderness, making it to "blossom as the rose," who have built cities and towns, enhanced the value of the public domain, and enriched the whole of the Great West—is not borne out by a reference to the history of the origin and perfection of the several laws of Congress granting the right of pre-emption.

This "stealing the livery of heaven," is certainly, on the part of the *Courier*, a piece of hardihood founded only, we charitably conclude, upon an entire ignorance of the past. The great leader of the Whig party—who is declared to be the "embodiment of Whig principles"—in a speech delivered in the Senate of the United States during the session of 1833-4, on the bill then pending, and afterwards passed and approved by President Jackson, denounced the provisions of the bill itself, and the classes intended to be benefited by it; denominated the latter as "squatters," and the effect of the measure as calculated to deprive the old States of their rights in the common property of the nation.

The Register of Debates and Journals of Congress show unmistakably how this important and truly Democratic measure was regarded by all the leading Whigs in Congress. From the incomparable "Harry" to the most insignificant whizzer-in; and how, with almost one accord, they opposed the right of "pre-emption to actual settlers."

This prominent feature of our land laws was the result of democratic policy and advocacy; and it can only be claimed as a Whig doctrine among those whose memories do not go back the short period of seventeen years, or, as we said, through ignorance of our political history. It may be, however, that the Whig party, in its many phases of name and principles, are now disposed to favor this truly Democratic policy in regard to Public Lands, but they cannot show a shadow of a claim to the honor of its paternity.

Gold-Bearing Quartz.

The vicinity of Carson's Creek, even as early as the autumn of 1848, was thought by Walter Colton, whose mining operations we believe were mostly confined to that vicinity, to be rich in gold-bearing rocks. The "blow-holes" of the fire-king, of the existence of which the miners then thought, or fancied, they found the proofs, have since actually been found.

The gold of the debris, is but the glancing of the richer harvest to be found in the dykes of quartz which traverse the beds of plutonic rocks. The process of abrasion has been going on for cycles of ages, and yet how small a part of the mighty mass of mountains has been worn down! The "shingle" of the "bars" is but a "drop in the bucket," compared with the vast heights of beetling cliffs above it.

The specific gravity of quartz is such, that its origin must always be sought for beneath that of less weighty materials. In it the gold finds a matrix, because it is the heaviest of known substances, always excepting platinum which is so frequently found associated with it. What stores of the precious metals must reside in the unknown depths of our planet! What a mere sprinkling of this can we ever meet, faint and scattered, like the bright glories of the light of heaven refulgent through the portals of starlight.

Mining operations, we are convinced, are hereafter mainly to be confined to the quartz. Heavy machinery is requisite, and no other is worth employing. Quartz is the hardest of the minerals, and is the adamant of the ancients to all intents. We were yesterday shown some very rich specimens, from the auriferous vein on Carson's Creek, and now in possession of Professor James Nooney, who is acting as the agent in this city for the proprietors. Prof. N. may be seen at 280 Montgomery street, at the office of Gregory's Express.

No. 5 of "Old Block" to-morrow.

It is not the intention of California to have her gold mines put into the hands of a few agents, who will defraud the honest and industrious, as one of the Loco-foco guns of the party proposes. This is Mr. Fremont's scheme. Those the Yarns regulate him. (Gives and Wright have written here that Mr. Fremont must be sent back. They, too, endorse his project. They also to be excluded from the party.)—*Courier*.

We say distinctly that it is not for the interest of California to have her gold mines put into the hands of a few agents, who will defraud the honest and industrious. We have no desire to see this done, nor does the "Loco-foco party," to whom our contemporary appeals. It is one of those experimental acts of legislation, conceived in the past, but not required by the present or the future. The interest of California does not demand the quartering of cormorant Superintendents upon the products of the mines, nor do we suppose that such a proposition will be pressed, when the working of local acts effecting the same purpose, are understood and appreciated. The State required money to pay its current expenses, and instituted the Foreign Miners Tax. It proved an injurious experiment, and is of course still more objectionable when extended to American citizens.

But the editor of the *Courier*, in his over-weening anxiety to do the State some service, makes the act introduced by Mr. Fremont the text for an attack upon that gentleman, in view of the contingency that he may again be a candidate for United States Senator. Whether he will be or not, must be a question for his own election, but whatever the result, it does not excuse our editorial neighbor for attempting to make self-interest at the expense of well-meant efforts on the part of others. Mr. Fremont is here, we believe, and can no doubt silence the capital intended to be used against him, by proper and satisfactory explanations. If any of the self-nominated candidates think their chances improved for a seat in the U. S. Senate, by traducing others, we have no objection to a free indulgence to the fullest extent in whatever comfort and consolation they can draw from such a source. Because political aspirants are innocently encouraged "for the fun of the thing," by a set of mad words, it should not be supposed that the world is moving in the same direction, nor that the twenty-eight noses already counted, are sure.

The Mose Drama.

The St. Louis *Reveille* has some severe but just animadversions on the *Mose Drama* ("Glance at New York," &c.) now being played at some of our San Francisco theatres, which it seems has drawn crowds in that city, while the elegant and polished comedies of Sheridan, the witty productions of Jerrold, and some of the finest modern tragedies have been played to "beggared accounts of empty boxes." As the *Reveille* observes, if this disgusting class of performances contained anything to admire (if they could boast of one flash of wit, or a solitary fine sentiment, anything worthy to excite tears or laughter,) they might be suffered to have their run till their admirers were surfeited of trash; but the incidents are invariably low and rowdyish, the dialogue made up of slang; in short, they have not one point to redeem them from execration. The following, according to the *Reveille*, are some of the effects of such representations in St. Louis:

"It is wonderful, to what extent the slang sayings of Mose have gained currency amongst the boys here. The Bowers dialect is now spoken with marvellous purity about the corners, and the well-known saying of Mose, 'If you're ageing, why don't you come along,' is given with all the peculiar intonations which render it effective, by young gentlemen whose early years and pocket-money are spent in the luxuries of cigars, and whose highest ambition is to rival the adroitness of Mose in a snuff-box, or cultivate the peculiarities of his soap-box. The truth is, that the slang of the Bowers theatre is to become the polite language of refined society; and as refinement is altogether conventional, it will require but the concurrence of the leaders of fashion, to make it the language of the drawing-room. Such a thing is by no means impossible; and before long, we shall hear Miss Thompson, a high-society lady, in nine times out of ten, will be a well-timed interrogatory; or Miss Johnson, by way of compliment, informing Miss Dicks that 'she's galls, she is.'"

THE HARBOR MASTER.—We are informed that complaints are sometimes made by the masters and owners of foreign vessels in this port, that they have been ill-treated by the authorities here. The truth seems to be that in all ports to the south of Alta California on this coast, by bribes and peculation such as are practised and known there, any measures can be effected which ship owners or masters may desire. Capt. E. Smith can, if he will invoke the aid of the Consul in Talcahuana discharge his crew contrary to law and by threats and violence. The same man can charge, as he did, twenty-five per cent. for money paid to his hands in that port, and endless other such frauds and cheats are perpetrated as cupidity may devise.

It is a satisfaction to know that the like cannot be done in San Francisco, or in any other American port. Our excellent Harbor Master, as will be seen by his advertisement in another column, is just to all partial to none. By his good management the utmost order is made to reign in our harbor, and the blame alleged in any complaints owners or masters of foreign vessels may think proper to make, we honestly believe rests with themselves, and not with the Harbor Master.

Is it so?—A paper up-town, speaks of a gang of burglars, and adds, "Some few members of which are now in the Station House, regularly organized for the purpose of carrying on their depredations." A pretty picture the Station House is for "regularly organizing" bands of robbers. The Marshal should look to his borders.

MELONS.—To see a crowd of tall *arrieros* munching melons on Long Wharf, reminds us forcibly that they would be better off in Mazatlan, and also, that the cholera is no so much death on melons as it is on brandy.

ICE.—Water was frozen to the depth of half an inch, night before last, in this city.

Correspondence of the Pacific News.

EASTMAN'S RANCH, Nov. 27th, 1850.

I am now leading a quiet life, just suited to my constitution, with three jolly fellows from Boston, who are endeared to me by many long trips both by sea and land. I am domiciled in a log cabin of our own raising, situate at the bottom of a *verry* high hill, and not within eye-shot of any human habitation. Our nearest neighbors are one-quarter of a mile distant. We have in store six months provisions of the very best quality ever yet packed to the mining districts, and when I sometimes envy you "hombres" who are so handy to the famous pie shops of San Francisco, I console myself with the idea that were you to see us cook our *weason* on sticks, and only get a taste of the delicious food, (made so sweet to those who, like ourselves, create an appetite by hard labor in seeking for buried talents,) you would wish to remain with us for a season.

The pleasant recollections of our companionship on a most tedious sea-voyage, and of some good quiet times we have since enjoyed, prompted me to write you. I thought you might have missed me from among the family circle, and as now-a-days both men and women prove unfaithful and sloth, I feared my reputation might suffer if I did not "show my hand." I am here for a few months, and shall occupy my leisure time in mining, living well, if I don't lay up *rary* cash.

I have already handled the pick and shovel some, and from wandering about the country, and occasionally camping among miners, I am well satisfied of the inducements the mines hold out. Some will make piles, *very* few more will get a disease of that name, or even worse, suffer from *run-it-ism*. But candidly, I think that the mines near Sacramento city have been well worked, and in future men will not average \$3 per day, in these districts. It seems to me that among the mountains at the head waters of the principal rivers, the future grand hauls must be made, and then but few will get rich. These places are remote from civilization, and in many cases, the roads to them are only accessible to man and mule. Consequently, provisions are high, and the miner must make extravagant wages to pay for his fodder alone. "The Star of Hope still shines on us," but the chances for the "independent miner," with his pick, shovel, and cradle, do not look so favorable as in days of yore. Machinery and capital will soon rout the humble and solitary miner, and then independence is at an end; and that charm lost, the reverend professors, doctors, lawyers, clerks and agents, will pack home, and no more leave their wives and sweethearts with a vision of sudden wealth disturbing their sweet dreams.

I have just finished reading the papers by the last steamer, and am amused to see the manner the various correspondents from California, speak of their travels. I should imagine that most of these all-wise gentlemen were out of Frisco; yet they discourse never of Benicia, her growth and commercial advantages; assure you that vessels of 1200 tons do actually discharge their wares and merchandise at "New York of the Pacific," that Stockton is second only in importance as a city to San Francisco, and that the Rio San Joaquin is navigable at all seasons of the year for vessels of 800 tons burthen, and drawing from 12 to 16 feet of water. The editors at home do get some awful *runs* run at them. They publish some dreadful stories of California, its cities, towns, climate, productions, mines, and so on yet have come to pass. And yet in the simplicity of their hearts, they preface all these yarns with, "The following is from a person well known to me," and the statements herein contained can be relied upon.

Perhaps if you have the headache had and the devil cries hard for you, you may remember this, and save your poor brain. "If I was around among an excitable community, I would try and write something to interest your readers; but I have no more items about me just now. I may have *poco* time."

Yours, &c. A. G. R.

THE *Courier* treats the Senatorial question very cavalierly. "We don't intend to have any discussion about the matter!" As though he had said to the other aspirants, "The thing is settled; your names have been rubbed off the slate." "We" won't consent to parley with you any longer. "We" will invite you to a supper, but "we" won't recognize you as candidates for the Senatorship!" Assurance often accomplishes for a man what attainments will not.

COLD WEATHER.—We are now, once more, nearly at the winter solstice and our globe is wheeling its way through that portion of the interplanetary space which we usually find to be a little "blue." And what has heretofore been usual, *otro lado*, has become so here; for we saw yesterday a good many whose countenances did not give the lie, we think, to their inner sentiments on the subject of cold weather.

THE MAIL STEAMER.—We learned, yesterday, that the Carolina, of the regular mail line, would not have left Panama on the 15th ult., unless instructions from New York had come to that effect. The probability is, therefore, that she did not leave. The Columbus, however, of Law's Line, was to start on the 16th, and consequently may be looked for to-day, or to-morrow at farthest. She will undoubtedly bring a mail. The Sarah Sands was to have left on the 13th ult., and may be looked for by-and-by.

A GOOD DOG is what we love, and when we see him, we insensibly think of the sweets and pains of childhood. Last evening we had a very agreeable call in our sanctum from a noble dog belonging to a neighbor and esteemed friend of ours. After examining all parts of the office, with which he seemed much gratified, he very politely withdrew. Had we our "picanninies" with us, and were our friend "bound home," we should beg him to leave that dog in our keeping.

Record of City Courts.

Thursday, Dec. 5th.

SUPREME COURT.—Present, Chief Justice Hastings and Justices Bennett and Lyons.

People, ex relation, S. J. Field vs. W. W. Turner, Judge of St. Judicial District. Motion on affidavit, and exhibits to vacate order made in Sutter County by Judge, and for attachment against said Judge, for contempt, in not complying with writ of *mandamus*. Argued by relator, and submitted.

The following cases were all placed at the foot of the docket.

P. M. Steamship Company, appellees, vs. Thos. J. Smith.

Coraciul Vanderbilt vs. John Vandepelt.

J. H. Terry, appellant vs. Bittin & Waldo.

Chas. H. West, appellant, vs. Andrew Reynolds.

John W. Geary, appellant, vs. L. P. Canillo.

Edward A. King, appellant, vs. E. J. C. Kewen.

Benj. Davidson, appellant, vs. Dwinelle & Holt.

Ormsby, Harper & Co., vs. Presley Dunlap.

John W. Geary vs. Edward D. Healey.

First Alcalde of the Town Council of the City of San Francisco vs. Edward E. Dunbar.

Fleming Anys, appellant, vs. Chas. M. Weber.

This Day's Calendar.—J. S. Buckel, appellant, vs. A. G. Grogan, et al.

Wm. Wiggins vs. G. C. Cook. Roman Lantian, appellant, vs. John Turney. Robt. W. Gray, appellant, vs. John B. Howie.

T. De Brise and wife, appellants, vs. Minturn.

The People vs. Wm. R. Turner, Judge.

District Court.—Hon. Levi Parsons presiding.

Dennisson vs. Peter Smith. Referred on motion of defendant's attorneys to N. Holland, to examine and report.

J. O. Boucke vs. J. J. Bryant. Judgment by default.

H. M. Nagley vs. J. H. Watson. Judgment by default.

John Wild vs. Patrick Wild. Set for trial on Tuesday next, by consent.

Wm. Greenbridge vs. R. Waterman. Dismissed.

A. Luten vs. Waterman. Dismissed.

John Murray vs. Waterman. Dismissed.

PROBATE COURT.—Before Hon. R. N. Morrison, County Judge, sitting in Probate.

Estate of — Seniors. A case of contested administration. Ordered, on hearing the proofs and allegations of the contestants, that letters of administration be issued to Antonio Martinez.

Estate of Santiago Vives. Nicolas Larer, executor, appointed special administrator on giving the security required.

Estate of Benj. A. Knapp. Application to remove E. B. Sackett, appointed special administrator, and to substitute another person in his stead. Deferred.

C. L. Heiser cited to appear, and in the meantime enjoined from disposing of the papers, &c. of the deceased.

COUNTY COURT.—Before Hon. R. N. Morrison, County Judge, sitting in Appeals.

Borth vs. Blake. Judgment reversed by default.

H. G. Alamer vs. Hall. Forcible entry and detainer. The trial of this case was concluded and submitted without argument, for the judgment of the Court.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—Before Hon. R. N. Morrison, County Judge, and Henry S. Brown, Esq., Associate Justice. Sitting in Appeals.

In the matter of the application of Senora Dona Solidad Ortega De Arguilla and her children, for reduction of taxes assessed upon the Ranch de los Polgas, now the property of Petitioners.

After hearing the proofs and allegations of the petitioners, and the County Assessor, Ordered, that the same be assessed at \$113,445.30-100 value.

Wm. Cary Jones, Esq., Attorney for petitioner.

Similar application to reduce the assessment on the real estate of Francisco Guerrero, postponed for further hearing.

Similar application to reduce the assessment on the Harro estate. Ordered entered.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. H. C. Murray presiding.

Legget et al. vs. J. W. Geary. This was an action brought by plaintiffs to recover damages of the defendant, who, as Mayor of the city, in June last, ordered their store, containing at the time about half their stock of goods, to be blown up, with the view of preventing the further spread of the fire in that conflagration.

Plaintiffs were non-suited on the ground that their action was improperly brought.

Franklin Kinnear vs. Benj. Hayward. Thomas G. Thurston, G. H. Reed and J. H. Wingard, Motion filed that Ewd. Jones, upon filing bond in the sum of \$15,000, conditional for the faithful discharge of duties, be appointed receiver, to rent and collect profits of certain property, and be prepared to account at all times for receipts and disbursements.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Hon. F. Tilford presiding.

Disorderly Conduct.—John Baker fined \$10.

Hane Taft sent to station house for ten days.

Larceny.—State vs. John Thompson. Discharged.

State vs. Charles Argum. The defendant was remanded, and the case set up. Bail, \$200.

State vs. Honore. Discharged.

State vs. Wilson. Discharged.

State vs. James Maurice. Continued.

MURDER.—State vs. Charles Boyle, the boy who shot another near the Mission. In this case, the defendant being under fourteen years of age, was discharged under the 4th sec. of 1st Act concerning crimes and punishments.

STABBING.—State vs. Francisco Rodriguez. Continued; bail fixed at \$500.

There was further investigation of the case of Adams and Swan, who were charged with robbery.

Several witnesses were examined on the part of defendants. They were allowed to make a statement themselves of the facts connected with the affair which led to their presentment, and Mr. Barbour, as their counsel, commented at length on the evidence.

The fact of a "check" being found on the person of Swan, which was claimed by Aitworth, the man supposed to have been robbed, and defendant being unable to account for the skeleton keys which were found in his possession, induced the Recorder to send the case up, fixing the bail at \$1500.

Adams was not so much implicated in the affair as Swan, but being with him, and assisting him in the contest with the police officers, the Court thought it proper that his case should also be sent up, and fixing bail at \$1200.

ANOTHER SHARK HOOKED.—Officer Wilson, in coming out of the "Adelphi" last night, discovered a man walking off from the door of a store with a pair of boots. He immediately inquired of the owner, who was in the next store, if he had sold a pair of boots a few minutes previous, and hearing that he had not, gave pursuit, and overhauled the villain on Montgomery street.

STEAMBOAT COLLISION.—The steamer Union, on her way down from Stockton to this city, on Wednesday night last, came in contact with the new steamer Kennebec, on her passage up the river, and dashed her first mate over the hurricane deck. The boats separated, after "two rounds" without doing much damage, except frightening the passengers.

BY LAST NIGHT'S BOAT.

News from the Sacramento Valley.

We find in the Sacramento papers of yesterday morning, received by Freeman & Co's Express, several matters of interest, which we subjoin.

The *Transcript* discusses, in a leading article, the question of "the disposition of the Lands belonging to California," which is one of eminent interest. It also states that "the military force under Col. Rogers, was disbanded at Placerville on Friday last." Also, that

"An attempt was made to cross over the spurs of the mountains, to the immigrant road, but the Col. was compelled to abandon that route on account of the snow." We have been informed that a number of scouting parties were daily dispatched from the main body, some of whom had sharp skirmishes. After a skirmish, one of the Delaware braves (attached to Col. R.'s force,) came into camp with six feathers in his cap, indicating that he had dispatched six of the Indians.

As far as can be ascertained, fifty-nine Indians have been killed by the troops in their different skirmishes.

Col. Rogers has succeeded in driving the troublesome Indians from their large rancherias back into the mountains, where it is impossible, on account of the necessary expense that will be incurred, and the difficulty of transmitting provisions through the snows, to follow them.

The probability is, that since the force is disbanded, the Indians will return from their fastnesses, and that during the winter, we shall hear of frequent depredations and murders committed by them. Mr. Johnson, foreseeing this, has procured several of the Delawares and a number of whites to remain on his ranch, where he is intended protecting himself, irrespective of any government assistance.

THE ELECTION IN EL DORADO.—The deaths of the lamented McKinney and of J. R. Que-reau, and the resignation of Mr. Jasper, occasioned three vacancies in the county office of El Dorado county. On Saturday last the election was held to fill their places. A County Clerk, a Recorder, and an Attorney, were chosen. We learn from Mr. Johnson that Josiah Gordon, Esq., was the successful candidate for County Clerk, and that probably he would run ahead of his opponent by seven or eight hundred votes. Mr. Johnson also informs us that John A. Reichart, Esq., has been elected to fill the place of Mr. Jasper, the late County Recorder, resigned. And that Wm. Ross, Esq., is the successful competitor for the office of County Attorney.

There were 1192 votes polled in Placerville, 234 at Cold Springs, 275 at Diamond Springs and at Coloma 300. Mr. Johnson informs us that he took some pains to enquire into the total vote of the county—he says it will not fall short of 4000. [Transcript.]

ACCIDENT.—A serious accident occurred on Monday last, on the Levee, by which Mr. Thomas O'Donnell lost his life. It appears that Mr. O'Donnell was engaged in blasting a log of wood, when it exploded prematurely, and a large piece of the timber struck him on the stomach. He lingered until yesterday afternoon, when he died. The deceased was from Maryland. [Transcript.]

HIGHWAY ROBBERY AND MURDER.—We have received a letter from Mr. John Willis, dated Willis, Ravine, Nov. 30, 1850, and giving an account of the death of Wm. De-Clare, of Providence, R. I. Mr. W. was returning from Coloma, when he found the unfortunate man "in the road almost dead from three wounds in the side. He was only able to say who he was, and where from, and expired soon after. He had evidently been robbed of what valuables he may have possessed, with the exception of a few papers," which have been transmitted to us by Mr. Willis, of whom any further information in relation to the matter may be had, by enquiring at Mr. Thomas's, Coloma. The accounts and notes found upon the person of the murdered man are important, and will be found referred to in an advertisement in another column. [Times.]

NEVADA.—Mr. Thomas Hatch, who carries an express between this city and Nevada, says that snow had fallen there to the depth of two or three inches, and the storm continued on Monday last. Mr. H. reports the place as very dull. He returns at the end of the week, and all packages intended to go by him, can be left at Munson & Co's office.

DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY.—Mr. Morse, who fired upon the negro horse-stealer on Saturday night, was examined yesterday before Judge Washington, and after enquiry into the circumstances, the charge against him was dismissed. [ib.]

COLD WEATHER.—Night before last and yesterday was the coldest weather we have had this season. A piercing cold wind from the northwest rendered overcoats highly necessary. The ice in the gutters was at least a fourth or half an inch in thickness.

From Stockton.

The *Journal*, of the 4th, has two columns in vindication of the Council's appointing Mr. Robt. City Printer. The *Journal* thinks that the *Times* should be satisfied with the County and United States printing.

The *Journal* says that a number of light-fingered gentry, are "lifting" things. On Monday night, 1000 pounds of flour were walked off with.

A City Marshal and two Councilmen are to be elected on the 12th inst.

The City Treasurer reports that he had received from the Harbor Master, City Marshal, and Recorder, from Sept. 4th to Nov. 30th, \$5,812.76, and had disbursed during the same period, \$4,552.75; leaving a balance of \$1,260.01 in his hands on the 30th of November, 1850.

A new Theatre is to be erected in Stockton, by the proprietors of El Placer Saloon. An agent is now in this city making the necessary arrangements for its construction.

AN AFFRAY.—Last evening quite an altercation occurred on board ship Abelloni, during which a sailor named Peter Tracy attempted to throw the Captain, David Elliott, overboard, and gave rather fearful signs of carrying his attempt into execution. The vigilant police, however, were soon in attendance, and after a long and rather severe struggle, placed the refractory Sinbad in charge of Captain Howard, at the Station House. The affair will undergo investigation to-day.

WEAR FLANNEL.—We do not make the remark for this cold weather, but for all weather and all time. Cotton fabrics were never made for the race of "white men" to wear, we are sure. It may do for the dark-skinned races, in order the better to display their peculiar charms. But believe us, gentle reader, woolen fabrics are the most beautiful as well as the most healthful to wear. Let them be adorned with all that the skill of man can devise for ornament, if you choose; but wear them for the sake of dear life.

DICKENS ON CALIFORNIA.—We never did think much of this *hombre*. When "all the world and his wife" were apting to do him homage in Boston, some years since, we, then in that vicinity, like Logan, remained "alone at home, an advocate of" doing honor to a more worthy man.

Dickens publishes now a canting journal, called "Household Words," and in it among other *outré* fancies, certain croakings of a "Raven in the Happy Family." Hear him about us, and call him then what the gentle reader please:

Did you ever hear of a place called California? I have. I understand there are a number of animals over there, from all parts of the world, turning up the ground with their bills, grubbing under the water, sickening, moulting, living in want and fear, starving, dying, tumbling over on their backs, murdering one another, and all for what? For money that they want to carry to their favorite holes. Ravens, every one of 'em! Not a man among 'em, bless you!

The brains of the man who can write like that, if he ever had any, must have been adled long ago. Of all methods of "making money," as Dr. Farley properly puts it, we conceive none to be so innocent as that of taking it out of the *debris*, or the quartz.

Communication from "A Progressive Democrat" will appear to-morrow.

DIED.

At the St. Francis Hotel, in this city, WILLIAM A. WOODRUFF, aged 28 years, formerly of New York. His friends are requested to attend his funeral to-morrow at 11 A. M. from the Hotel. The St. Francis Hook and Ladder Company will attend in uniform, and other companies of the Fire Department are requested to be present in citizen's dress.

In this city, on the morning of the 5th, in the 41st year of his age, JOHN C. FARR, formerly of New York, died. He came to this country with Col. Stevenson's Regiment, and, since July last, has been connected with the Police Department in the First District. He was a man universally respected by those who knew him. N. Y. papers please copy.

Latest Dates.	
Araculo.....	Nov. 11 Oregon..... Nov. 28
Caliso.....	Sept. 28 Panama..... Nov. 1
San Francisco.....	Sept. 20 Honolulu..... Nov. 1
Honolulu.....	Nov. 6 Rio de Janeiro..... Aug. 13
Lahaina.....	Oct

